

ARE YOU READY TO CHANGE THE SCC CAMPUS EXPERIENCE?

Sign our student led petition to support College Hour in
Rm. 437!!!

WHAT IS COLLEGE HOUR?

College Hour is a block hour of time given to students twice a week, where regular classes aren't scheduled. This free time will allow students and faculty to participate in activities outside the classroom.

SOME BENEFITS:

- Increased student engagement
- School Spirit
- Connect with friends, faculty, classmates
- No more schedule overlaps
- Break from monotony
- Study time
- Lunch break
- Time for club meetings

**Meeting:
Tuesday,
Nov 5.
RM 443
2p - 3p**



If you have questions or suggestions, please contact us! We'd love to hear from you!

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COLLEGE HOUR INITIATIVE

The Opportunity: Students for Equity is looking to address an issue, the low engagement of students on campus here at Solano Community College. Equity is a big idea with huge potential. We have a large, diverse community of students that are willing to engage with the campus yet don't seem to have the opportunities or freedom to collectively do so. We understand faculty are in dire need of hearing from and working with students more, and that students will engage more if given the tools or opportunities to meet out-of-class. We also understand students are eager but often discouraged due to scheduling overlaps & potential time constraints. We propose: College Hour.

College Hour: College Hour is a one hour period of time (twice a week) during the day in which lecture classes would not be scheduled to allow time for various opportunities. The goal is to increase campus engagement & meet the needs of SCC's diverse population of students, faculty, and staff. College Hour at SCC will be dedicated to fostering campus community within these groups. Open and challenging dialogue with and among students could be fostered while establishing a sense of belonging for disconnected students. A focus on campus pride could also be enhanced. College Hour presents opportunities to offer campus-wide celebrations, and/or host events; to promote interdisciplinary, intellectual, and cultural exchanges on campus; and to develop programs and events that provide students and faculty the opportunity to participate in service & activities that count towards retention, tenure, and promotion. The time will be used to enhance the out-of-class experience via activities that create a vibrant learning environment, a community of learners, and a new generation of leaders.

The Benefits: We believe with this one hour, not only would students directly benefit, but also the faculty, staff, and the SCC experience as a whole. Our campus could use a new life going into the future. It's time for a new approach. Examples of the benefits:

- **Academic Support Programs:** Resource Fairs, Networking, Tutoring, and Workshops
- **ASSC:** Meetings, Elections, Events, Tabling/Outreach, Office Hours, Concerts
- **Campus:** School Spirit, Celebrations, Emergency Response Situations
- **Faculty:** Research, Scholarly and Creative Presentations, Learning Community Networking, Study Groups, Service Learning, College and Department Gatherings
- **Students for Equity:** Co-Curricular Transcripts, Student Engagement, Office Hours, Workshops
- **Student Life:** Clubs & Organizations, Meetings, Elections, Debates, Tutoring, Study Groups, Health & Wellness Activities

ACTION PLAN: We understand that this change will take some time. We want College Hour to be as impactful and efficient as possible without losing sight of the immediate need. As to keep this initiative in the forefront of our drive for equity, we place a timeline of implementation by the **beginning of Fall 2020** semester.

Co-Curricular Transcripts: Students will be used to document student involvement in educational experiences and activities taking place out-of-class with these transcripts. These transcripts could be used to supplement a resume for students seeking their first job. Partnership with the Career Center, utilizing the Co-Curricular Transcripts, could provide insight as to how to build resumes or update them for other students. We will be able to further promote engagement as well as provide another tool to help our students succeed not only on campus but after graduation as well.